

Magnuson Park Advisory Committee
The Mountaineers, Cascade Room
March 13, 2013 6 – 7:45 PM

Attending: Julianna Ross, Ed Bronsdon, Peter Zimmerman, Aaron Hoard, Loren Hill, , Morgan Collins, Tom Kelly, Heather Burns, Lynn Ferguson (alternate for Rusty Williams), Bonnie Miller (alternate for Nancy Bolin), Margaret Thouless (alternate for Gail Chiarello), Diana Kincaid, Herb Curl, Loren Hill, Colby Bradley (Solid Ground)

Absent: none; all member organizations were represented

Parks staff: Nathan Torgelson, Eric Friedli, Cheryl Fraser

Guests: Peggy Printz, Emily Bishton, Leslie Keller, Mark Nihart

The meeting was called to order at 6 pm by Julianna Ross

Welcome new Park Director Cheryl Fraser: Eric Friedli, Acting Deputy Director of Seattle Parks and Recreation introduce Cheryl Fraser to MPAC as the newly appointed Director of Regional Parks and Strategic Outreach (RPASO). After a series of managers (Charles Ng, Rebecca Salinas, Nathan Torgelson) who were managers of Warren G. Magnuson Park as well as responsible for other management responsibilities outside of Magnuson Park, Parks created a new Director position to better attend to the Magnuson considerations. As Director of RPASO, she will be responsible for management of Discovery, Lincoln, Seward and Green Lake parks outside of maintenance and programming. She will also handle contract management for the zoo, aquarium and Seattle Public Schools. Gold, tennis, fields, and Center City Parks will also be her responsibility outside of event scheduling. She will have an assistant (title not yet determined) who will likely have expertise in horticulture and analytical skills. In a question and answer session, a question was posed as to how much of her time will actually be devoted to managing Magnuson Park. No specific time was the response. Another concern from MPAC was the responsibility of marketing the buildings; Director Fraser and her to-be-determined assistant will have this responsibility.

Buildings 11 & 2 (including Seattle Conservation Corps relocation) updates: Eric Friedli reported that the Seattle Conservation Corps is temporarily located on the second floor of Building 11 until the remodel of the space in Building 2 is completed; this is expected to be July 2014. Building 2 is currently in the design stage and construction is expected to begin in July 2013. Concerning Building 11, Parks is working with Sail Sand Point to merge their current two leases (one with Parks and one with the LLC) into one. Three to five spaces in Building 11 may be designed and used by artists who need a more industrial space; Building 30 will house other artists. Both Cascade Bicycle Club and Bright Horizons are considered potential tenants although Parks are looking for commercial tenants who will better be able to combine park and recreation concerns with a commercial enterprise. During the question and answer session MPAC members were told that the

overseers of the LLC/final construction will be Eric Friedli and the Parks engineer. It is the responsibility of the LLC to complete improvements to satisfy DPD's "general occupancy" requirements. The freight elevator will be functional, a new passenger elevator will be installed, and a new bathroom with showers will be constructed. Among other requirements is that the doors be insulated, windows will be replaced, roof repairs will be made, a sprinkler system will be installed, and new water and sewer services as well as electrical panels will be done. During the question and answer session a question with regards to the settlement agreement and its status was asked; the settlement is done. \$3,000,000 has been paid to the LLC and the remaining millions will be paid in installments as work is completed. Conditions of the payback to the City's Emergency Fund are not known. Part will be from rental rates with tenants; these are expected to be \$12-\$30/square foot. Building 2 will have the roof over the part of the building that has been in continuous use will be replaced and seismic work will be done on that part of the roof but not in the hangers which are 1/3 of the building. Funding is not available to replace the entire roof of Building 2 and this building is not a priority of the Seattle Department of Parks and Recreation.

Approval of minutes of Feb. meeting: The minutes were approved with no corrections.

Notes from the Chair: Julianna called for a motion to send the letter advising Acting Superintendent to delay construction of the driveway at NE 77th Street until the results of the NOAA road access pilot project is known. The motion was passed with 9 yea, 1 nay, and 2 abstentions. Councilmember Bagshaw and Acting Superintendent will be/are in DC and will lobby our legislature to encourage NOAA to open the NOAA road to the North Shore Recreation Area and the Historic District. MPAC members were encouraged to have their constituencies send correspondence to Mr. Edward Horton, Chief Administrative Officer, U.S. Department of Commerce, NOAA, 1305 East-West Highway, 8th Floor, Room 8431, Silver Spring, MD 20910.

Building 30 update: Kelly Goold, parks project manager for Building 30 reported that upon completion the hanger will be fully code compliant and the east and west wings will be completely renovated. \$6,985,000 is being spent on hard items while \$1,500,000 will be spent on soft items. The east wing and the hanger are expected to be completed by July 2013 and the west wing will be completed by September 2013. Asbestos and lead paint were removed from the building. The Facebook page with pictures of Building 30 progress is Sand Point Arts & Cultural Exchange. If anyone searches on Facebook they should find it and see what's there.

<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Sand-Point-Arts-Cultural-Exchange/396453980104?ref=hl> (look in the photographs section if you don't want to read the whole wall).

MPAC suggested that a gala be arranged by Magnuson staff and held in the west wing when the renovation is completed.

Building 18 update: It was announced that Gary Givens is to be the project manager of the construction on Building 18. That construction is expected to begin in late July 2013.

Building 9, Frank Chopp meeting update: 7 MPAC members attended a Saturday meeting with Speaker Frank Chopp and Rep. Gerry Pollet. Speaker Chopp plans to finance the redevelopment of Building 9 into workforce housing at a cost of close to \$50 million. \$20 million to come from the legislative budget, \$17 million approximately in historic tax credits and additional money to be paid by the rents. The building is currently under the purview of the State Department of Commerce and an RFP will be issued for qualified non-profit housing developers.

Speaker Chopp and Rep. Pollet promise regular updates to MPAC on this project.

CleanScapes \$50K for Park, deadline April 15: Several proposed projects will come from members of MPAC as well as other tenants and neighbors. One member of MPAC will be serving on the selection committee.

Magnuson Wildlife Committee: A committee was formed three years ago to address the need for active advocacy for wildlife in the park's meadows, shoreline and forests, and to help the urban environment and nature to productively co-exist. This committee may become a permanent sub-committee of MPAC and provide quarterly updates. Chair and Park Staff member Barb De Caro presented MPAC with the mission, guiding principles, and purpose of the MWC. They are as follows:

Revised February 22, 2013 – Barb DeCaro

The Mission of the Magnuson Wildlife Committee is to enhance, protect, and advocate for wildlife and their habitat in Magnuson Park.

Guiding Principles

- Promote awareness, advocacy, appreciation and conservation of urban wildlife
- Assure that wildlife habitat and enhancement is considered in decision making for planning, projects, park use and maintenance.

The Purpose of the Magnuson Wildlife Committee is to clarify and define wildlife management, using a collaborative process involving Seattle Parks and Recreation and the community, to manage Magnuson Park, with short and long-term strategies that enhance and protect wildlife and their habitats through these actions:

- ✚ Research, recommend, and implement best practices for wildlife management and conservation based on best available science
- ✚ Develop and recommend policies, practices and guidelines for Magnuson Park
- ✚ Maintain wildlife habitat using adaptive management strategies
- ✚ Create habitat guidelines that inform decision-making for projects, maintenance, education programs and the Magnuson Park Vegetation Management Plan.
- ✚ Develop, offer, and support environmental education programs

The meeting was adjourned at 7:45 pm.